Dear Js,

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As you will see or have seen, there is a hasle with Sprague if not with the House committee. Whatever fathered the insanity of their initial planned step we have probably stopped it because Jimmy has agreed with us. He'll agree more when he gets my letters to Sprague. He'll get the second through Jerry probably. I have not decided yet. As Jim and I believed he has also signed a to-me-only release to the FBI on what it says can violate his privacy. This means, of course, to Jim, too.

What remains is anything but a good situation - a man and a committee going off less than half cocked, less than reasonably and an unquestioning staff blindly doing as ordered. The intended rape of the law and of decency is frightening.

With this temporarily aborted, unless they ignore any decency and concept of legal rights and practise and go ahead without an okay from us and Jimmy, there is not an end. These are the same people capable of this. And if the next session sees a continuation of the committee unless there is a further change it will be the irresponsible Gonzalez who runs it. His man is the one who did the initial leaning on Jim.

There are too many fights, too many of them so unnecessary! I'm tired tonight. It is not from the amount of work I did outside on a nice day for this time of the year here. That is less than half the exertion that did not tire me a month ago. But after some sleep I won't be tired. And I've already taken the next steps. I hope my choice of messenger will be that. It is a good 20-year old woman, a college student to whom I've already written. She will metet the plane when I return from Wisconsin a week from tomorrow night and we'll talk about it.

It consists in not leaving it up to Sprague whether I can reach the committee members. I cou,d mail copies of what I've written him to them but I want them put into the hands of someone in the offices. If they hear me I have enough, more than enough, for decent or concerned people. Also for those who do not want to be laughed at on a serious matter.

I'm aware that I have not probed ddeply into this. There was neither the need nor the time. The surface was too much.

If Sprague is determined to go this irresponsible way there will be no stopping him and I'll not try. It is enough to have prevented his doing it within the standards of the system and legal proprieties. If he and Foreman want to bed together, they are welcome to each other. I think Foreman has other worries today.

Bud is only one of the possibilitoes of their misinformation about Jimmy. On the representation of his attitude toward Lesar I think Lane is more likely. I think also that Jim may take an initiative against him with the New York bar. This one is not my idea. It is Jim's. He went in to see another lawyer's client without counsel's persmission and without even seeking it. Niw that we have his mailgram to Jimmy it is worse than this, which the bar does not like. He promised "no publicity" and violated the promise immediately.

This is only a skirmish. It is enough to tell us all we need to know about them. And unless there is the most basic change what to expect. When Soragues expects to "solve" the King assassination through Foreman what would you expect?

What I suppose is so wearing is that this should not be and should not have to be contended with. I fell asleep waiting for the evening TV news and slept through it sitting up. First time for a while. I don't think I did enough work outside to cause this fatigue or weariness. I think it is more likely emotional.

There was one benefit from all this wretched business. Jim finally lost his temper. He really blew, from his own account. He even threatened legal action against the House. I merely told him how proud I am and how I regret it had not happened earlier. He chuckled. Now that it has happened I hope there is a better chance for it the next time there is the need. I have no knowledge of any prior occasions. it is an EVENT.

This whole business is so irratoonal it makes prognostication foolish. Nonetheless unless Sprague is a hardhat and a harderhead I think they'll turn in another direction. Not that with this I can hold any more hope for it.

Best,